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SUBJECT: GATT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS CONSULTATIONS - TURKEY

REF: GENEVA 783

1. TURKISH DEL (PARMAN) HAS ASKED FOR SPECIAL INFORMAL MEETING OF KEY DELS TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, TO DISCUSS EXTENSION OF WAIVER FOR TURKISH STAMP DUTY. PARMAN HAS INDICATED THAT TURKEY WILL ASK THAT WAIVER BE CHANGED TO ALLOW STAMP DUTY TO BE INCREASED TO 25 PERCENT AS HE UNDERSTANDS THIS IS THE LEVEL AT WHICH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO PLACE DUTY. AS INDICATED REFTL, IMF REP HAS TOLD US THAT FUND IS ENCOURAGING  
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TURKS TO GRADUALLY ELIMINATE STAMP DUTY SINCE THE FUND DOES NOT CONSIDER IT A MEASURE FOR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS REASONS. THIS FUND RECOMMENDATION, HOWEVER, WAS BASED ON DUTY OF 10 PERCENT AND IMF REP IS SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF FUND POSITION WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED INCREASE. WE UNDERSTAND ALSO THAT GATT SECRETARIAT HAS COUNSELED TURKEY NOT TO ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY STAMP DUTY ON BOP

GROUND'S SINCE SUCH JUSTIFICATION LIKELY TO BE CONTRA-DICTED BY FUND'S ASSESSMENT OF TURKISH SITUATION.

2. IN ORDER TO MAKE BOP COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONSISTENT WITH FUND'S LIKELY OBJECTION TO TURKISH INCREASE IN STAMP DUTY, WE MAY WISH TO CONSIDER ADDING CONDITIONS TO THE WAIVER ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

A. THAT THE WAIVER BE GRANTED ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT BE REMOVED (GRADUALLY DECREASED, DECREASED TO FORMER LEVEL?) UPON THE INSTITUTION OF MEASURES OF A MORE GLOBAL NATURE (I.E., SUCH AS DEVALUATION OF THE LIRE).

B. THAT THE WAIVER BE GRANTED ON A ONE-YEAR BASIS (OR PERHAPS TWO YEARS TO COINCIDE WITH NEXT SCHEDULED CONSULTATION) WITH AN UNDERSTANDING THAT TURKEY BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A REPORT IN WRITING TO THE BOP COMMITTEE AT THE END OF ONE YEAR EXPLAINING STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO ELIMINATING (REDUCING?) THE STAMP DUTY AS WELL AS PROPOSED PLANS TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE.

4. MISSION REQUESTS GUIDANCE FOR TUESDAY MEETING WITH TURKISH DEL. VANDEN HEUVEL UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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